Amendments to Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking costs incurred by an entity comprising a plurality of groups, the method comprising:

receiving, by a computer based system for managing asset consumption, billing information associated with consumption of computer-related hardware processing resources from a provider, wherein the billing information includes ~~including a plurality of computer-related hardware processing jobs executed by the provider for the entity and a corresponding plurality of~~ a unique hardware processing job identifier corresponding to each hardware processing job executed by the provider for the entity;

reading, by the computer based system, a business model file comprising ~~at least one~~ a business dimension within the entity, the ~~at least one~~ business dimension including:

organizational information including a list of ~~a plurality of~~ groups within the entity, and

application profile information including ~~identity~~ information identifying ~~each of one or more~~ computer-related hardware processing tasks ~~with one of the groups performed in the plurality of groups within the entity;~~, wherein a hardware processing job performed by the provider may comprise at least part of a hardware processing task of one or more groups within the entity, ~~which had the computer-related hardware processing task performed by the provider~~; and

allocating, by the computer based system, the billing information by ~~the at least one business dimension including~~ associating each of the ~~plurality of~~ unique hardware processing job identifiers to ~~one of the~~ a group ~~groups~~ in the plurality of groups based on the hardware processing task information ~~within the entity which had one or more of the computer-related hardware processing tasks performed by the provider~~;

~~wherein the foregoing steps are executed by at least one computer processing unit~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one~~ business dimension further comprises at least one of a business process and an associated business performance metric.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the allocating step further comprises determining a total cost incurred by ~~at least one of the plurality of~~ each group ~~groups~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the reading step further comprises:

determining an internal structure of the entity, including the plurality of groups within the entity;

determining a billing detail of the plurality of groups within the entity;

determining a value driver of the entity; and

determining an application profile of the entity.

5 (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

assessing a technology operational cost in the groups; and

making a value based decision based on the assessment.

6. (New) A computer based system, comprising:

a computer network communicating with a memory;

the memory communicating with a processor; and

the processor, when executing a computer program for tracking costs incurred by an entity comprising a plurality of groups, is configured to:

receive billing information associated with consumption of computer-related hardware processing resources from a provider, wherein the billing information includes a unique hardware processing job identifier corresponding to each hardware processing job executed by the provider for the entity;

read a business model file comprising a business dimension within the entity, the business dimension including:

organizational information including a list of groups within the entity, and

application profile information including information identifying computer-related hardware processing tasks, wherein a hardware processing job performed by the provider may comprise at least part of a hardware processing task of one or more groups within the entity; and

allocate the billing information by associating each of the unique hardware processing job identifiers to a group in the plurality of groups based on the hardware processing task information.

7. (New) The computer based system of claim 6, wherein the business dimension further comprises at least one of a business process and an associated business performance metric.

8. (New) The computer based system of claim 7, wherein the allocating further comprises determining a total cost incurred by each group.

9. (New) The computer based system of claim 6, wherein the processor, when executing the computer program, is further configured to:

determine an internal structure of the entity, including the plurality of groups within the entity;

determine a billing detail of the plurality of groups within the entity;

determine a value driver of the entity; and

determine an application profile of the entity.

10 (New) The computer based system of claim 6, wherein the processor, when executing the computer program, is further configured to:

assess a technology operational cost in the groups; and

make a value based decision based on the assessment.

11. (New) A non-transitory, tangible computer-readable medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions for tracking costs incurred by an entity comprising a plurality of groups, the plurality of instructions, when executed by a computer based system for managing asset consumption, are configured to cause the computer based system to perform operations, comprising:

receiving, by the computer based system, billing information associated with consumption of computer-related hardware processing resources from a provider, wherein the billing information

includes a unique hardware processing job identifier corresponding to each hardware processing job executed by the provider for the entity;

reading, by the computer based system, a business model file comprising a business dimension within the entity, the business dimension including:

organizational information including a list of groups within the entity, and

application profile information including information identifying computer-related hardware processing tasks, wherein a hardware processing job performed by the provider may comprise at least part of a hardware processing task of one or more groups within the entity; and

allocating, by the computer based system, the billing information by associating each of the unique hardware processing job identifiers to a group in the plurality of groups based on the hardware processing task information.

12. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the business dimension further comprises at least one of a business process and an associated business performance metric.

13. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the allocating further comprises determining a total cost incurred by each group.

14. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the reading further comprises:

determining an internal structure of the entity, including the plurality of groups within the entity;

determining a billing detail of the plurality of groups within the entity;

determining a value driver of the entity; and

determining an application profile of the entity.

15. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising:

assessing a technology operational cost in the groups; and

making a value based decision based on the assessment.